

Appl. No. 10/806,855
Amdt. dated April 25, 2006
Reply to Office Action of January 31, 2006
Agent Docket K-2078A

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This amendment is submitted in response to the Official Letter dated January 31, 2006. Paragraph [0014] of the specification has been amended. Claims 3 and 19 have been amended.. Favorable consideration of the application is respectfully requested.

1. Objections to the Specification

Informalities in the specification that were objected to by the Examiner have been amended. In paragraph [0014], "center feed disk 4" was replaced with --center feed disk 40-- at line 24. Also in paragraph [0014], references to "metal alloy" and "ceramic composite" have been added. Since these phrases were initially disclosed in the claims, their addition to the invention description does not constitute new matter.

Examiner's objection to the word "be" on page 7, line 24, has been considered. Nevertheless, the sentence appears to be grammatically correct as written. Therefore, the sentence has not been changed.

Withdrawal of the objection to the specification is respectfully requested.

2. Rejection of Claims 3-4 and 19-20 under 35 U.S.C. 112

The Examiner rejected claims 3-4 and 19-20 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to point out an particularly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Regarding claims 3-4 and 19-20, the Examiner stated:

"...the phrase "other metal alloy" is confusing since it is not clear what other metal allow the applicant is referring to."

The phrase "other metal alloy" has been removed from claims 3 and 19 to obviate any confusion. Because claim 4 depends from claim 3 and claim 20 depends from claim 19, the removal of the phrase also eliminates "other metal alloy" from claims 4 and 20 as well.

Withdrawal of the rejection to claims 3-4 and 19-20 is respectfully requested.

3. Request for Telephone Interview

As a final matter, if the Examiner has any suggestions concerning different claim phraseology that, in the opinion of the Examiner, more accurately defines the present invention, prior to issuance of another Office Action, Applicants' undersigned agent requests

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the courtesy of a telephone interview at the Examiner's earliest convenience to discuss the application. Applicants' undersigned agent may be contacted at (724) 539-4843.

4. Conclusion

In view of the amendments and above remarks, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, an early Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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